STOCKLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Stockland Parish Council held in Victory Hall on Tuesday, 16th May, 2023 at 7.30pm.

1) To elect a Chair of the Council for the forthcoming year and receive their **Declaration of Office;** the outgoing chair, Cllr Morgan, undertook the election of the new Chair and Cllr Switzer was proposed by Cllr Derryman, seconded by Cllr Durrant and the motion was carried.
2) To elect a Vice-chair of the Council and receive their **Declaration of Office,** Cllr Durrant duly voted in.
3) Co-options; resolved to; co-opt one Cllr to fill the vacancy after the normal election, which will be advertised after today's agreement with EDDC with 35 days to run from the 9th May and agreed to advertise the vacancy via normal channels.
4) Appointments to Committees and election of Chair's;
i.Finance & Staff (4 members), Chair election, Cllr Switzer voted as chair, other Members, Cllr Durrant, Parris and Pearse.
ii.Turbaries Management Committee 4 members, Cllr Derryman voted as chair, other Members: Cllr Drew, Switzer and Amanda Thompkins; three residents of Stockland Parish, a representative of the Devon Bird Watching & Preservation Society (DBWPS), a representative of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB), a representative of Natural England (NE), a representative of the Blackdown Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (BHAONB). Agreed to a possible increase in meetings, four per year rather than three due to the quantity of work, with the managing agent, (if available) and Clerk to be present; the Clerk to liaise with the managing agent and Cllr Derryman.

5) Declarations of Office; resolved to; accept Members Acceptance of Office; Acceptance of the Councils Code of Conduct, Register of Interests Form (signed within 28 days of election and returned to the Monitoring Officer of EDDC by the Clerk); receipt of Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and the Civility & Respect Protocol.

6) Public Participation Time (SO 1e & f); the Chair invited a member of the Cotley Hunt to speak which she began to do from a prepared document and was then halted by the chair, because the content was against NALC rules of public participation. The Chair asked for, and received, the paper document from the Hunt Representative.

7) Reports from; Police; EDDC/ DDC Cllrs Brown, Levine and I Chubb (all emailed if received).
Cllr Levine introduced himself as the newly elected Ward member for EDDC Blackdown and Dunkeswell.

8) Resolve to exclude members of the press and public. **Staff issue to be taken at the end of the Meeting** [Public Bodies(Admission to Meetings Act) 1960]**..**
9) To record those Present and Apologies for absence; Cllrs Switzer (chair), Bright, Derryman, Durrant, Pearce, Parris, Amanda Thompkins, Antony Thompkins; in attendance were Cllrs Brown, Levine and the Clerk, K Pearson; apologies were received from Cllr Drew.
10) Declarations of Interest: no interests declared.
11) Council Meeting Minutes- the draft minutes of the meeting on the 4th April of the Finance & Staff meeting were agreed; for the Council meeting held on the 28th March it was agreed the Clerk to set up a meeting with Cllrs Switzer, Durrant and T Thompkins to discuss the proposed wording bringing it back to the Council for agreement; the minutes of the 25th April Council meeting would be available at the next meeting.

12) Councillor Responsibilities, Meetings and Dates for the Year; resolved to; agree the responsibilities of Cllrs; Amanda Thompkins (Footpaths Co-ordinator and website; Stockland Tree is a personal commitment and not part of the council duties); Cllrs Drew and Bright (Highways); Tony Thompkins (Defibrillator, Resilience & Emergency Plan); Cllr Switzer (Play Area); Finance and Staffing Committee (Car Park); agreed the normal meeting dates as set out.

13) Appointments to Outside Bodies;

i) **Community Charities;** resolved to appoint Cllr Drew to the General Education Charity and Cllr Parris as a member for the Village Hall Committee.

ii) **Blackdown Hills Parish Network**; resolved to agree Cllr Switzer as the representative to attend the AGM.

14) Action Review Summary: to receive and review the following items:

a) **Village Website;** to receive any updates after relaunch with addition of Turbaries which now have their own pages and have been publicised, with increased hits as a result; new work to be planned and costed, including addition of the Turbary CD which Cllr Amanda Thompkins will action.

b) **Highways/Ditches and Footpaths**; resolved to agree any updating reports for;

- Pot holes on roads already reported online.
- **Horner Hill**; slatted Notice Boards now in place with a reduction in the cost because one of the slats broke on a rock.
- annual grant from PROW now received

c) **Play Area, Car Park and Victory Hall**; resolve to receive updates on;

- permission being granted for Metal Detecting on the Field (see Cllr Drew's email). On the advice of the County Finds Officer, agreed to adopt a policy of not allowing detectorists on parish land. The Clerk to advise the requestor and point them in the direction of the Finds Officer.
- Cllr Parris is currently dealing with budget of £1200, to establish basketball hoops etc for the play park and is being followed through.

d) **Turbaries**; resolve to;

- Pay invoice to RSPB for £1200 and £2310.17 (£3510.17) for work on Shortmoor, Quantock and WMP.
- Receive an update on the BPS, HLS and extension claims for this year from the Managing Agent with all Claims and literature from RPA having been passed across; agree to include protected species in claims, such as Exmoor and Dartmoor ponies in order to maximise the claim. The Managing Agent is working through the grants, looking at all claims; and will map out all pockets of land with associated grant awards to make it clearer. Cllrs Derryman and Amanda Thompkins to discuss and advertise for pony lookerers for this year's ponies.

15) Appointment of Bank Signatories; resolved to appoint replacement signatories for Cllr Morgan and agreed Cllrs Derryman and Switzer would receive the Mandate Form

16) Planning- to consider and review any issues arising. (for Applications please go to EDDC web);

a) **applications received: to consider and respond** None

b) **To review applications previously considered or approved**;

i) 22/2004/FUL; Broadhayes Farm Stockland EX14 9EL; Construction of replacement agricultural storage shed; *awaiting decision*

ii) 23/0840/AGR - Land At Ridge Cross Ridge Stockland EX14 9EN; Proposed 6 bay extension to existing shed; *awaiting decision*

iii) 23/0779/LBC and 23/0778/FUL Lower Lye Stockland Devon EX14 9LJ; new single storey extension; *awaiting decision*

iv)23/0064/FUL - The Bungalow Shorebottom Stockland Devon; two storey side extension; tree survey; surrounded by PC Turbary land; Awaiting decision

v) 20/2527/TCA; Maryton Stockland, Honiton EX14 9BS; T3 : To reduce in height to approximately 5 ft. above ground level; *awaiting decision.*

c) **applications withdrawn/appealed: to decide how to respond**:

i) None.

17)**Correspondence**: to consider items received (copies emailed to all Cllrs where appropriate)

18)**Finances** to review and agree items of payments and receipts

Balances at Bank (at 30/04/23): Treasurers Account		£47225.24
Payments (as at 11/05/23)		
i)RSPB		3510.17
ii) VH 933/6		66.00
iii) A Jarvis Notice boards		140.00
	TOTAL	3716.17
Receipts (as at 23/04/23)		
i) None		
Movement of funds		
BALANCE TOTAL		43509.07

19)**Items of Future Business** for the next Agenda; car park; Local/neighbourhood plan; the contractor/grant policy.

20)**Confidential Items**: In view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is likely that the press and public will be excluded during consideration of issues agreed under item 8 of the Agenda.

Councillors only To note that a Grievance has been submitted to the Chair of the Council, who has not responded and it has been passed to the Vice-Chair to deal with. Information on this is Private and Confidential and subject to GDPR rights; external advice is being sort.

Signed ……Chair Date 27.06.2023

Meeting closed at 10.30pm.